GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2025
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SEIZURE OF GOLD, DIAMOND AND CASH
Mohite Shri Subodh

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether unclaimed Gold biscuits, diamond studded ornaments and cash seized from the terrace of National Academy of Direct Taxes premises at Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the value of seized items;

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the evening of 23 May, 2005 an unclaimed bag was found on the terrace of the official residence (in the campus of the National Academy of Direct Taxes) of an officer couple of NADT. The Police authorities were immediately informed in writing by the concerned officer about the bag containing valuables. The bag was taken over by the police authorities after making proper panchnama.

The details of the items and the approximate value of these items as assessed by the police, found in the bag are as under:-

(i) 12 gold biscuits - Rs. 6,00,000/-(approx.) valued by police.
(ii) A gold medal weighing - Rs. 50,000/-
100 gms of Bharat
Petroleum
(iii) Gold items (Jewellery) - Rs. 5,61,000/-
(iv) Cash - Rs. 1,16,000/-
Total - Rs. 13,72,000

(d) to (f) The Nagpur Police are enquiring into the matter.